

## **Indian Council of South America (CISA)**

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Ambassador Ronald Barnes

Greetings Madame/Mr. Chair,

CISA gives warm greetings to H. E. Mr. Abdulla Nasser Al Rahbi and warmly greets the delegation of Oman to the adoption of the second cycle of the Universal Periodic Review. Since the end of the first cycle of the UPR it is commendable that you have taken various measures to improve the situation of human rights in your country by introducing amendments to the Constitution in 2011 toward comprehensive developments in the promotion, protection and respect for human rights. CISA notes also that Oman has withdrawn the Article 15 (4) reservation to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and that you accept in principle to adhere to international treaties based on provisions of your Constitution.

We would encourage you to take this a step further between now and the next cycle of the UPR to accede to other international treaties and to ratify them as law in the country. This would include the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR), the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman Degrading Treatment or Punishment and other international treaties. CISA also notes that the as a Member of the Gulf Cooperation Council, you have participated in the drafting of the regional human rights instrument to reflect the cultural and other attributes of your region.

We encourage further development on the rights of women by introducing policies, legal frameworks and executive actions for human rights and development of women.

Finally, we congratulate Oman for its successful completion of the second cycle of your Universal Periodic Review.

I thank you Mr. /Madame Chair